

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/653823 Confirmation No. 4117  
Applicant : Toshihiro Takeuchi  
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Examiner : Nahid Amiri  
  
Title : FRAME JOINT STRUCTURE AND JOINING METHOD  
THEREOF  
Docket No. : SHM-14986  
Customer No. : 040854

AMENDMENT "C"

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20061026 and 20070118)

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 20, 2006 and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 24, 2007. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on February 20, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.